

109TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2218

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the fee for collecting specimens for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2005

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Laboratory  
5       Services Access Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADJUSTMENT IN MEDICARE LABORATORY SPECI-**  
2 **MEN COLLECTION FEE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(h) of the Social Se-  
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(h)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “in  
6 the amount specified in paragraph (8)” after “a  
7 nominal fee”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
9 paragraph:

10 “(8) The amount specified in this paragraph,  
11 for the nominal fee under paragraph (3)(A) for tests  
12 performed in—

13 “(A) 2006, is \$5.78; or

14 “(B) a subsequent year, is the amount  
15 specified in this paragraph for tests performed  
16 in the preceding year adjusted by the annual  
17 percentage increase or decrease in the Con-  
18 sumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers  
19 (United States city average).”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
21 subsection (a) shall apply to fees for tests performed on  
22 or after January 1, 2006.

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